

Nelson Waldron Captain

Sunday November 12th 1843 This Day begins with
rough weather wind wright aft blowing a gale
of wind head E by S by course we took in the
mainsail about 2 o'clock and double reefed four
main and mizen topsails and about 4 o'clock we
clost reef four and main topsails and felled the mizen
topsail middle part pretty much the same
and goose wing the main topsail

Latitude by Chronometer 00° 22' S

Longitude by 3 101° 19' E

At N pretty much the same squally laying to under
goose wing main topsail

Monday November 13th 1843 P.M. This Day begins
with squalls of hail and rain and laying
to under goose wing main topsail middle
part pretty much the same At N not quite
so bad this morning. about 8 o'clock we loosed
the stacil and fairsail and four topsail won
we reef out the main topsail and loosed the mizen topsail

Tuesday November 14th P.M. This Day begins with
a strong breeze wind wright aft head E by S by
course this afternoon we about 2 o'clock
clost reef the four and
main topsails and felled the mizen topsail
and shuded her till 4 o'clock and then we took
in the four topsail and shuding her now under
clost reef main topsail and fairsail and four topmast
stacil middle part pretty much the same going
at the rate of 8 knots an hour heavy swell
At N wind and weather about the same this morning
we shook out the four topsail and more reef and shook
out more reef out of the main topsail shuding her more

Onboard The Ship Leonidas

Latitude — by Chron S
Wednesday November 15th 1843 Longitude — by obs 106 = 40 E

This Day begins with strong winds from the W by N head E by S by course we shrouded her under double reef topsails and foresail till 1 o'clock and then we loosed the mizen topsail and at 2 o'clock we loosed the mainsail and at 3 o'clock we loosed the maintenasail middle part pretty much the same At 4 o'clock strong winds from the NE head E by S by course for this morning about 3 o'clock took in the main teganersail and mainsail and double reef the topsails and at 5 o'clock we took in the mizen topsail and at 6 o'clock we took in the fore topsail and this forenoon about 10 o'clock we took the bow boat of the cranes and put her on the quarter deck and at 11 o'clock we loosed the fore topsail and cloth reefed it the latter part pretty much the same

Thursday November 16th 1843 P M This Day begins with fair wind strong breeze shading her under cloth reef fore main topsails and foresail heavy swell on

Latitude by Chron 39 = 40 S

Longitude by Obs 110 = 48 E

4 N wind fair head S S E by course this morning the wind and weather moderated and about 9 o'clock we shook awn reef out of the fore topsail and loosed the mizen topsail and about half past 9 we shook awn reef out of the fore main and mizen topsails and about half past 10 o'clock we reefed out fore main and mizen and loosed the mainsail and maintenasail got all sail on her now latter part pretty much the same

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Tuesday November 17th 1843 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head ESE by course all sail set fine weather middle part reigny at squalls
A.M. last night about 3 o'clock we took in the mainte ^{gennysail} and mainsail and single reef four main and misen topsails and about 4 o'clock we lost reef four and misen and double reefed the main topsails and about 7 o'clock we took in the misen topsail shading her under lost reef four topsail and fairsail and double reef main topsail

Latitude - by Chron 40 = 32 S

Longitude - by Obs 117 = 43 E

Saturday November 18th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with squalls from ^{under} NNW wind fair head ESE by course shading under lost ^{under} four topsail and double reef main topsail and fairsail middle part pretty much the same
A.M. Wind fair head ESE by course last night about 6 o'clock the wind began to blow and reign and hail and it kept breazing and at half past 6 we took in the four topsail and fairsail and main topsail and left her two under main spencer and this morning the wind moderated and we shook soon reef out of the four topsail and loosed the main topsail and fairsail and misen topsail latter part pretty much the same squally and reigny

Sunday November 19th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with squalls of reign and hail wind fair head ESE by course shading her under ~~lost~~ double reef four and main topsails and double reef misen topsails and fairsail
A.M. this morning about half past 5 we shook 1 reef out of the four main and misen topsails and about half past 6 we shook out all the reefs and loosed the mainte ^{gennysail} and about 8 we loosed the mainsail see plenty of finbacks this forenoon

Onboard Ship Leonidas

Monday November 20th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather but squally at intervals all sail set wind SSE steering by the wind ESE since dinner we have seen 13 or 4 spouts standing aloft now

Latitude by Chron 41-21 S
Longitude by Obs 122-55 W

see some more finbacks this after noon
A.M. wind SSE steering by the wind ESE by course pleasant weather see some spouts this forenoon for back this forenoon we broke out in the fore hold and filled up ~~1000~~ on the starboard side of cold salt water mixed of warm oil latter part pretty much the same

Latitude S
Tuesday November 21st 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind SSE steering by the wind ESE by course this after noon we broke out on the larboard side and filled up 10 more casks of salt water
A.M. This forenoon wind fair head ESE by course this forenoon 10 o'clock we raised a right whale and saw him turn flukes and then we drove our boats full and then we lowered away for them and just as we got pretty near to them a fog bank came up and we lost the view of them and then the boats came aboard.

Latitude S
Wednesday November 22nd 1843 This day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head SE by course this after noon we about 1 o'clock we saw two more about a mile and half off and we lowered for them and about 3 o'clock the mates boat got fast ~~two~~ more of them and about 6 we got him along side and then the line parted and then the ship drifted to the lower about 1/2 a mile and then the boats took an old hanger to him

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and bent it on to him and then we beat the ship up to him and then got the line aboard and hauled him along side and then the hanger parted and then the boats took more of the cutting fall and then we beat the ship up to him again and got him along side and then we got the fluke chains on him and made him fast. At 11 last night we took in all the sail but the main top sail and spanker and kept her to and laid all night. This morning about 8 o'clock we called all hands and began to cut him in but it was so wrough that we parted our blubber hook shaker and then we give him up till better weather.

Latitude

Thursday November 23rd 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather sea goes down a little. This afternoon about 2 o'clock we began to cut him in and got him all in the blubber. About 8 o'clock we saved some lip of his head that is all they calculated his head would make 10 barrels of oil and about 700 lbs of blubber but it was so wrough we could not save it. At 11 last night we began to try put about 12 o'clock they think there is about 70 barrels of blubber in the blubber room. good weather now.

Latitude

Friday November 24th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather trying out. This afternoon we saw some more right whale and lowered for them and after the boats got off we did not see them any more. At 11 pleasant weather. This morning we finished trying out about 10 o'clock now we are ready for more see nothing this forenoon.

Latitude by Chron 129 = 35 S
Longitude by Obs 42 = 40 E

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Saturday November 25th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
this afternoon we cleared up the decks and got ready to break out
A.M. this morning we began to break out and stowed down
30 bbls of Sperm 59 bbls of Wright whale Oil Oil

Sunday November 26th 1843 This Day begins with ~~pleasant~~ drizzly
weather stowing down this afternoon about 6 o'clock we finished
stowing down and cleared of decks & down in the ground
keep sperm and wright A.M. pleasant strong breeze on
this morning about 6 o'clock we made sail hoisted the foresail
mainsail braced shook out the reefs out of the four main
topsails and soon reefed out of the main topsail about
8 o'clock we loosed the main top and sail bound for
New Zealand Latitude by Chron 135° 20' S

Monday November 27th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant
weather Wind fair head E by S by course middle part pretty
much the same A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head
E by S by course latter part drizzly
Latitude by Chron 135° 20' S
Longitude by Obs 134° 30' E

Tuesday November 28th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with
drizzly weather wind fair head E by S by course
A.M. pleasant weather wind NNE head E by course
yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock we shifted our course east
Latitude by Chron 43° 41' S
Longitude by Obs 138° 00' E

Wednesday November 29th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with
pleasant weather wind NNE head E by course
A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head E by course
see nothing to day good weather for
wright whales.

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Thursday November the 30 1843 P M This Day begins with pleasant weather this afternoon about 1 o'clock it began to blow pretty strong and we had to take in the main topmast and double reef the main top sail middle part pretty much the same A M This morning loosed the main topmast and shook the reefs out of the main top sail pleasant now

Latitude

Friday December the 1 1843 P M This day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head E by course see nothing this afternoon good weather A M pleasant weather wind NNE head E by course this morning about 10 o'clock we raised a sperm whale and saw him turn fluky and then we wound down to him and lowered away for him and the mate got along side of him and alongo stood up for him and if it had not ben for a pulk in the boat who would not pull and not let every body else pull we might got him but he cramped his over in the water and stoped the boat and the whale saw us and went down they thought he would make about 100 barrels



Latitude by Chron 34-35 S

Longitude by Obs 146-41 E

Saturday December the 2 1843 P M This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head E by course see nothing but fin backs this afternoon about 5 o'clock we outent the four top sail and bent the old iron and set the four topmast stuncil got into green water again good weather ded calm allmost good time for sperm whales A M pleasant weather wind fair head E by course four topmast stuncil set see nothing this forenoon but fin backs

Latitude by Chron 44-39 S

Longitude by Obs 150-00 E

Sunday December the 3 1843 P M This Day begins with pleasant weather wind E by N steering by the wind N by E topmast stuncil down A M pleasant weather wind N by E head E by N by course see nothing but fin backs

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Monday December the 4 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather



wind NNE steering by the wind E by N this afternoon about half past 4 o'clock we raised a right whale and saw him turn flukes and lowered away for him and the mates boat got onto him and alongs lured both irons at him and struck him with both irons but they did not go in and then we chased him to the lowered and to the windward but could not get him and we got aboard about half past 8 o'clock and give him up

Latitude by Chron 44-27 S

Longitude by Obs 152-09 E

A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course topmast guncil set Latitude S

Tuesday December the 5 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course this afternoon about 3 o'clock we raised another whale about a mile and half off and we went down to him and lowered away for him and chased him and all three the boats got right round him and he stood right up on his tail and we could not get a chance to fasten to him and then we galled him and chased him till quarter past 5 and then come aboard and give him up there is 40 barrels more A.M. drizzly weather and rainy wind ENE by N head NE by course about half past 10 the wind shifted E by N head NE by course not much wind calm and drizzly

Latitude

Wednesday December the 6 1843 P.M. This Day begins with rainy weather wind E by N head NE by course about 4 o'clock the wind halled E had NE by course A.M. this forenoon we double reefed four main and mizen topsails and last night we furl'd the maint'gansail and this morning furl'd the mainsail and about 10 o'clock we furl'd the fore and mizen topsails and shuddered her all day

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Thursday December the 4 1843 P.M. This Day begins with heavy squalls
of rain and heavy sea so we shrouded her till this afternoon
about 6 o'clock let wear main topsail and reefed four sail
A.M. and shrouded her till this morning and about 8 o'clock
we furlled the four sail and about 11 o'clock goose winged the main
topsail and about half past 11 we took in the waist boat and
sheathed her two Latitude —

Friday December the 5 1843 P.M. This Day begins with heavy squalls
of rain saying to under goose wing main topsail and main spencer
A.M. pleasant weather they are baking out butter and rice and beans
now and after they get done they are again to stick her of four sail
about 4 o'clock we made all sail but won reef in the mizen topsail

Latitude — by Chron 40 = 40 S

Longitude — by Obs 157 = 39 E

Saturday December the 6 1843 P.M. This Day begins with
pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course sea
nothing this afternoon A.M. pleasant weather wind fair
head NE by course saw won spout this morning

Latitude — by Chron 40 = 42 S

Longitude — by Obs 160 = 45 E

Sunday December the 10 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
wind fair head NE by course sea nothing this afternoon.

A.M. pleasant weather now wind hardly what there is is about N head NE by course
dead calm almost about 8 o'clock this morning we saw a breach this
forenoon about 10 o'clock the mate struck shark under the bows and
the granes want good for nothing and they drowned we have not had so
good weather for 5 months as it is to day

Latitude —

Monday December the 11 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind N head
NE by course ~~pleasant~~ nothing this afternoon A.M. pleasant weather
wind NE head ENE by course sea nothing this forenoon.
we have been nothing down the main rigging this forenoon

Aboard ship Sanidas

Tuesday December the 12 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
wind N.E. head E.W.E. steering by the wind E.N.E.
A.M. pleasant weather wind N steering by the wind E.N.E.
aplenty of albacore around but they dont come under the bows this forenoon
we sent up the four topgallant not breath of wind dead calm

Latitude

Wednesday December the 13 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
wind N steering by the wind E.N.E. this after noon we sent up the
mizen topgallant and mizen galle yard and bent the mizen topgallant and on
bent the new main topgallant and bent the new four topgallant on the main
topgallant yard. A.M. pleasant weather wind N steering by the
wind E. by N aplenty of finbacks around but no sperm whales

Latitude

Thursday December the 14 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
light windy wind N steering by the wind E. by N this afternoon
we sent up the four topgallant yard and bent the four topgallant
on bent the old main topgallant and bent the new main and on bent
the new fourgallant and bent the old main and about 6 o'clock we
tacked ship and stood on our starboard tack till about 9 and then
we tacked ship and stood on our larboard tack strong breeze
from the Northward steering by the wind E. by N A.M. under
cloudy strong breeze from the Northward steering by the wind E. by N
this forenoon we on bent the new four topgallant steeple and bent the
old main plenty of finbacks around this forenoon

Latitude by Chron

40-43.1

Longitude by Obs

167-05 E

Friday December the 15 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong
breeze wind N steering by the wind E. by N this noon whilst
the captain was down to dinner doctor went aloft to see the
finbacks blow and the man to the mast head told him
to look of the lee beam and see the finbacks and he kept
looking at them and all at once he saw a right whale



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turn fluky and he sung out and i told the oldman and he came on deck and kept looking and then saw another turn fluky and we eat our dinners and squared away for them and wound down to them and lowered away for them and chased them and they came up pretty close to the old man and pulled ahead and heft up to the windward of them and the boat drifted over them and galled them and they reckoned the biggest won would make about a 100 barrels 30 there is bright back All pleasant weather light breeze wind fair head N by E by course this morning about 9 o'clock we raised a sail on our weather quarter

Latitude ~ by Chron 30-23 S
Longitude by Obs 168-14 E

Saturday December the 16 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather light breeze wind fair head N by E by course see nothing but fin backs this afternoon All pleasant weather light winds wind fair head N by E by course

Latitude

Sunday December the 17 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather light winds wind fair head N by E by course sea nothing this afternoon All pleasant weather wind fair head N by E by course sea nothing this forenoon light winds

Latitude

Monday December the 18 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather light winds wind fair head N by E by course we saw a hump back this afternoon and thought it was a right whale and we hulled on the wind and went up to him and hulled back and found out what it was and squared in and struck her of four it again All pleasant weather strong breeze wing about ESE head N by E by course sea nothing this forenoon but 3 or 4 porpoises

Latitude ~ by Chron 37-11 S

Longitude ~ by Obs 170-02 E

Tuesday December the 19 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong breeze wind ESE head N by E by course topmast of unit set All pleasant weather wind ESE head N by E by course this morning about 6 o'clock we made the is lands called the Three Kings heading for it know Latitude by Chron 34-05 S Longitude by Obs 171-46 E

Onboard Ship Leonidas Bristol

Wednesday December the 20 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather under the sea of the three kings this afternoon about 1 o'clock we went ashore in the barbed boat to catch some fish but there would not like go we went ashore and see some of the inhabitants and this afternoon about 2 o'clock we weighed the island of new zealand and about 4 o'clock we weighed sail about 2 pints on our weather bow and she wound down for us and did not speak us but lowered away and come on board and let supper with us. bark arabia new london 700 sperm oil 15 months out they told us that bark anna was in these islands 2 years and 6 months out 700 sperm oil working her and then they was going to start for home the captain of arabia's name was Clinz master and over she carries about 2200 barrels. All pleasant weather wind about SE head NE by N by course this morning about 8 o'clock we weighed sail a bark on our starboard bow and about 1 o'clock we weighed 2 more sails on our harbor about a pint and the other about 3 pints won amarr of avar and her aid 3 loose manofwar this forenoon about 11 o'clock we lowered away our barbed boat and got again fish

Latitude by Chron 34-07 S

Longitude by Obs 172-13 E

Thursday December the 21 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather this afternoon the wind halld aft wind fair head NE by N by course All pleasant weather wind fair head NE by N by course this morning about 5 o'clock we weighed a sail on our barbed beam

Latitude 33-05 S

Friday December the 22 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong breeze wind fair head NE by N by course to day we mended the new main top sail All pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course sea nothing this forenoon

Latitude by Chron 31-30

Longitude by Obs 174-42

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Saturday December the 27 1843 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather
wind fair head NE by course to day we mended the new fore
sea nothing this afternoon A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head
NE by course saw a school of black fish this forenoon
sea no whales to day yet

Latitude

Sunday December the 28 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant
weather strong breeze wind fair head NE by course
A.M. pleasant weather wind SSE head N by course saw nothing

Latitude by Chron 26-26 20 28 N
Longitude by Obs 179-41 10 22 W

Monday December the 29 1843 P.M. This Day begins with strong breeze pleasant
weather wind SSE head NE by course saw a jumper buck
this afternoon A.M. pleasant weather strong breeze last night about 9
o'clock we tacked ship wind about NE head SSE by course
christmas day

Latitude 25-18 N
Longitude 179-11 W

Tuesday December the 30 1843 P.M. This Day begins pleasant weather
strong breeze wind NE steering by the wind N by W
about 6 o'clock we tacked ship stood on our larboard tack A.M.
pleasant weather wind NE steering by the wind S by E

Wednesday December the 31 1843 P.M. This Day begins with light
winds variable courses this afternoon about 7 o'clock we tacked
ship head SSE all night so our second
A.M. this morning about 1 o'clock we tacked ship and
stood on our starboard tack wind ESE head NE by N

Latitude by Chron 25-05 N
Longitude by Obs 178-35 W

Thursday December the 28 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
light winds wind SE head NE by E A.M. pleasant weather wind SE
last night about 10 o'clock we tacked ship and this morning about 4 tacked ship again for the

Friday Dec the 29 1843 PM This Day begins with pleasant weather working to the
windward wind SE head NE by N, AM pleasant weather wind SE
steering by the wind NE by N

Latitude by Chron 24-38 S

Longitude by Obs 177-20 W

Saturday Dec the 30 1843 PM This Day begins with strong breeze wind
SE steering by the wind NE by N about 2 o'clock this
afternoon ~~retro~~ in the four and mizen teguesail

AM this morning about 4 o'clock the S end of the island of Pillastape
bore about N and we squared away and run down to it and
3 cannoose came along side and brought some potatoes and water
mellons and tarrers and mushmellons and about 10 o'clock we lowered
away the waist boat and the harbor boat and went ashore
and got three boat loads of sweet potatoes and about 1 o'clock
we started strong breeze wind E steering by the wind N by course
under double reef topsails and fairsail

Latitude by Chron S

Longitude by Obs W

Sunday Dec the 31 1843 PM This Day begins with pleasant weather
strong breeze running under double reef topsails and fairsail
and main gennets AM wind fair head N by course running her under
double reef topsails and fairsail strong breeze on

Latitude by Chron 19-57 S

Longitude by Obs 175-34 W

Monday Jan the 1 1844 PM This Day with strong winds wind fair head
N by course AM pleasant strong breeze wind fair head N by
course this morning about 3 o'clock we close reef four main mizen topsails

Latitude by Chron 17-32 S

Longitude by Obs 175-22 W

Tuesday Jan 2 1844 PM This Day begins with pleasant weather strong breeze wind fair head
N by course AM pleasant weather strong breeze wind fair head N NW by course This morning
about 6 o'clock we raised the island of whytoeake this morning about 7 o'clock shook man reef out of the

Lat 15-30
Long 157-45

Wednesday Jan the 3 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head NNW by course. Strong breeze running under double reef four main topsails and close reefed mizen no whales yet. A.M. squally strong breeze wind fair head NNW by course running under double reef topsails.

Latitude by Chron

Longitude by Obs

175-36 W

Thursday Jan the 4 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind fair head NNW by course, strong breeze running under double reef topsails. A.M. pleasant weather wind W steering by the wind NNW by course. At 7 o'clock we shook out the reefs out of the topsails and loosed the mainsail and about 12 o'clock loosed the four main and mizen topsails.

Latitude by Chron

Longitude by Obs

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Friday Jan the 5 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind W steering by the wind NNW by course. About 3 o'clock we took in the four and mizen topsails and about 4 o'clock we took in the main topsail and about half past 4 o'clock we close reef four main and mizen topsails and furl the mainsail. A.M. strong breeze squally. Last night about 1 o'clock we took in the four and mizen topsails and furl the foresail and about 6 o'clock this morning we gosed winged the main topsail lashing to under yoo's wing main topsail and mizen topsail.

Latitude by Chron

Longitude by Obs

176-14 W

Saturday Jan the 6 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind SSW lashing to under close reef main topsail and main spanker heavy swell on. A.M. squally weather moderated a little loosed the four topsail and mizen and shook won reef out of the main top sail and loosed the foresail and mizen sail and jib.

Latitude

Sunday Jan the 7 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind NNW steering by the wind NNE running under close reef topsails and foresail. A.M. squally wind W steering by the wind NNW by course running under close reef four topsails double reef main and jingil reef mizen and foresail and mainsail and jib and mizen spanker.

Latitude by Chron

Longitude by Obs

179-55 S

175-17 W

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Monday Jan the 8 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind NW steering by the wind NNE running under close reef four double reef main single reef mizen and fairsail and mainsail and jib all equally W by N steering by the wind N by W running under close reef four topsail and double reef main and single reef mizen and fairsail and main sail jib

Latitude by Chron 08-05 S

Longitude by Obs 174-03 W

Tuesday Jan the 9 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind W by N steering by the wind N by E running under double reef four topsail and fairsail mainsail main topsail and mizen topsail

A.M. pleasant weather all sail set variable winds and variable courses mostly the wind is ahead

Latitude by Chron 08-42 S

Longitude by Obs 173-18 W

Wednesday Jan the 10 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather variable winds variable courses about 3 o'clock we tacked ship and stood on our starboard tack A.M. squally about 8 o'clock this morning tacked ship again double reefed the topsails hauled up the mainsail about 11 o'clock shook the reefs out of the topsails and hoisted main tack

Latitude

Thursday Jan the 11 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather all sail set variable winds and variable courses A.M. pleasant weather variable winds and variable courses all sail set

Latitude 05-30 S

Longitude 172-44 W

Friday Jan the 12 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather variable winds variable courses this afternoon about 3 o'clock tacked ship stood on our starboard tack A.M. pleasant weather variable winds and variable courses this morning 3 o'clock we tacked ship

Latitude

Longitude

Saturday Jan the 13 1844 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather wind variable winds and variable courses about 3 o'clock this afternoon we tacked ship again

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Beh pleasant weather wind fair head NW by course all sail on light winds

this morning we made the island of St. Mary's Latitude 14-40 S
Longitude 173-46 W

Sunday Jan the 14 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head NW by course light winds about 12 o'clock we weighed a school of sperm whales about a mile and a half off and we lowered away for them but the boats gallied them and we chased them till 3 o'clock and then came aboard and give them up A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head NW by course sea nothing this forenoon

Latitude by Chron 13-26 S
Longitude by Log 176-04 W

Monday Jan the 15 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head WNW by course A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head NW by W by course we are washing the ship to day getting ready to paint her

Latitude
Longitude 02-51 S
178-53 W

Tuesday Jan the 16 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head NW by W by course light winds sea nothing A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head NW by W by course this morning we began to paint the ship and about 4 o'clock we saw a school of blackfish light winds to day

Latitude
Longitude 02-51 S
178-53 W

Wednesday Jan the 17 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head N. A.M. pleasant weather wind SW by W by N by course

Latitude
Longitude 02-51 S
178-53 W

Thursday Jan the 18 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind SW head WNW by course A.M. squally weather wind WNW steering by the wind N by E about 9 o'clock we tacked ship and stood on our starboard tack wind WNW steering by the wind SW

Latitude 02-20 S
Longitude 179-27 W

Friday Jan the 19. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind S steering by the wind W by course A.M. squally last night about 4 o'clock we tacked ship stood on our starboard tack wind E steering by the wind SSE this morning about 7 o'clock we tacked ship again stood on our larboard tack wind NE by N steering by the wind NW by N pleasant weather

Latitude by Chron 102-12 S

Longitude by Obs 179-08 W

Saturday Jan the 20. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NE steering by the wind NW this afternoon we raised a school of sperm whales on our lee beam and we squared on and run down to them and lowered away for them and chased them and the mate's boat went along side of won and Alongo darted forth iron at him won over and the other under and that galled them and then they came aboard and the mate said that Alongo should not go in his boat again and then the old man turned him out and sent him forward and shipped a man by the name of Cyrus Allen boatsteward A.M. squally wind SW steering by the wind NW

Latitude

Sunday Jan the 21. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind SW steering by the wind NW A.M. pleasant weather wind NW steering by the wind SW

Latitude by Chron 00-20 S

Longitude by Obs 178-45 W

Monday Jan the 22. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NW steering by the wind S this afternoon about 3 o'clock we raised another school of sperm whales and lowered away for them and the old man's boat fastened to a calf and that brought the school to and then the old cow bit the short warp into and then mister west's boat pulled up and fastened to the cow and then she fastened to another calf and got them along side about 8 o'clock bowath of these small wons and then took in the jib and all the staysails and shed down the topsails A.M. pleasant weather mainyard back cutting in left the small won on deck all hole

Latitude by Chron 00-40 S

Longitude by Obs 177-54 W

Tuesday Jan the 23 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather main yard back finished cutting in term
 This afternoon At the pleasant weather this morning about 10 o'clock finished trying out both of them
 made about 1500 lbs and then we made sail set all sail wind fair
 head SW by S by course Latitude by Chron 00-42 S
 Longitude by Obs 177-40 W

Wednesday Jan the 24 1844 P.M. This Day begins with a squall chud up four S
 miz began to sail middle part pleasant all sail set wind fair
 head SW by S by course this afternoon about 6 o'clock ~~we~~ the island of
 Lyons island bore about SSW At the pleasant weather wind fair head SSW this
 morning about 8 o'clock we made it and halleg back and the knackers came
 aboard and we bought some coconuts and shells and hats and wothing Janother
 Latitude 01-08 N
 Longitude 177-08 W

Thursday Jan the 25 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair
 head WNW by course this after noon we raised the island of ^{more} drum
 island an our weather beam about 6 o'clock this afternoon we raised the island
 of Ellis island about three pinter on our larboard At the pleasant weather wind NE ^{steering}
 by the wind NNW last night about 2 o'clock we saw two small islands about 1 pint
 on our weather bow close to that was not down on the charts if we had not seen the
 light we should have run on to them and then we wore ship and stood from it
 this morning about half past 6 o'clock we raised the island of Charles and were
 up to it but did not get iney thing about 3 o'clock this afternoon we spoke
 the ship Darnon of Newport 15 months out 350 barrels of sperm and oil

Friday
 Latitude 01-26 N
 Longitude 175-13 W

Saturday Jan the 26 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NE by N
 head NW by W by course this afternoon about 3 o'clock we spoke the
 bark Dimon of New ~~port~~ 15 months out 350 blles wright and
 sperm to gether At the pleasant weather NE by N head NW
 by W by course all sail set

Saturday Jan the 27 1844 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather wind NE by N
head NW by W by course. The pleasant weather wind fair NE by N head
NW by W by course saw sail this morning about 7 o'clock on our
weather beam. Latitude by Chron 00-55 S
Longitude by Obs 173-55 W

Sunday Jan the 28 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head
NW by W by course. This afternoon about 8 o'clock we weighed
school of sperm whales and we lowered away for them and the
other ship galon of warren she saw us lower away and she lowered
away her boats to but our boats got the first chance the old
man fastened to a calf and mister west fastened to a cow and
mister west cut the line of with his lance when he was lancing him
mister walton fastened to cow and killed him we got two and
the other ship got none and then the old man toed his along
side about 8 o'clock and then we took in the topgallant
and me and a portuge boy was feeling the four topgallant
and i had my knee on the yard and i slipped of and fell
down on to the four topmast stay and then down on the
four stay and then down on deck on the four topmast
stencil which laid on the four her sail did not hurt me
much but my side and kniepan sore and then i
went below and the mate got his along side about 11
o'clock and then took in the sail and set the watch
and then the captain of the galeant came aboard of us
and staid till about 12 o'clock and then went aboard
the pleasant weather main yard back this morning began to
cut him in got the deck cleared of about 12 o'clock

Latitude by Chron 10-52 S
Longitude by Obs 173-59 W

Monday Jan the 29 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
wind fair head sail head W by course. This afternoon we began
to try and the finished trying out this morning and then made sail
wind fair head W by course

Tuesday Jan the 30 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head
W by course this afternoon we gammed with the galon against
A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head W by course this afternoon about
10 o'clock we raised the island of ocean island

Latitude by Chron 40 N
Longitude by Obs W.

Wednesday Jan the 31 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head
W by course this afternoon about 2 o'clock we raised again under the
sea of the island and we wound down to her and spoke her the
william hamilton of new bedford 1800 wright 300 sperm she went
on the nor west last season and the season was 7/8 out and
she got 1800 barrels she is 17 months out and the old
man went aboard of her to get him to go ashore with him
and he told the old man that the wilmington birchpool
packet was here yesterday with 1000 barrels of sperm going
going on the nor west and then the old man went ashore and
got 2 each crackers and then came aboard and started

A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head W by course
Latitude N
Longitude W

Thursday february the 1 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
wind fair head W by course A.M. for this afternoon we raised the
island of pleasant island A.M. pleasant weather wind fair this morning we wound down
to it and got some hats and coconuts and about 11 o'clock started again.
about 12 o'clock we spoke again the ship maguechuset of nantucket 29
months out 1200 sperm

Latitude by Chron N
Longitude by Obs W

Friday feb the 2 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind
fair head W by course A.M. pleasant weather wind NE head NW
by course Latitude by Chron 1:32 N
Longitude by Obs 166:00 W.

Saturday Feb the 3 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head NW
by course of the pleasant weather wind NW by W steering by
the wind N by E about 10 o'clock we raised sails to the wind

Latitude by Chron 03-00 N
Longitude by Obs 07

Sunday Feb the 4 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NE by N head NW
at the squally weather wind NE by N steering by the wind NW

Latitude

Monday Feb the 5 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind NE by N
steering by the wind NW about 1 o'clock took in the fore and mizen
tugs and sails and closed the main this afternoon about 4 o'clock
we spoke the English bark named then spoke the ship withington
liverpool packet 21 months out 200 sperm and wright the bark had 200
sperm 8 months out A.M. Latitude

~~Tuesday Feb the 6 1844~~ P.M. pleasant weather wind NE by N steering by the
wind NW ambress came aboard last night and staid all night
and about 4 o'clock the old man went aboard of her and staid
all day and won of her boats crew came aboard of us and staid
all day ambress is well and hearty they are going into strong island
for work and water Latitude

Tuesday Feb the 6 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind
NE by N steering by the wind NW A.M. pleasant weather strong
breeze wind E head NW by W by course this forenoon we made the
strong island Latitude by Chron N
Longitude by Obs 07

Wednesday Feb the 7 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong
breeze wind E head NW by W by course under double reef
topsails and fore and main sail and jib

Wednesday June the 26 1844 P.M. about 4 o'clock we took an whale
along side made us 35 barrels hard luck

Saturday June the 29 1844 to day we got a rotten whale along side
and have him in June 30 Sunday to day all day heaving him over board

The Season of 1844 23
 Came in to New Bedford
 in the 17 day of September

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 12 pipes
 3 lbs tobacco
 2 pair shoes
 1 scotch cap

1 pair scissors
 1 knot thread
 1 paper needles
 1 sheath knife
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 2 lbs tobacco

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 1 pair shoes
 1 paper needles

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 1 scotch cap
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Ship Ontario of Egg Harbour 11 months 1100
 Ship John & Elizabeth of New London 13 months 800
 Bark Shepherdick of Natick 2 whales
 Ship Amathist of New Bedford 12 months 500
 Ship Isaac Walton of New London 16 months 800
 Ship Pacific of New Bedford 12 months 500

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On board ship Honduras

May the 3rd 1844

Samuel wread just this morning asked me to go
and take his wheel and i told him that i would not
and then he struck me over the eye and made it swell
up and got my teeth bleeding and hurt me very much

Benjamin L West



Nelson Waldron Commander



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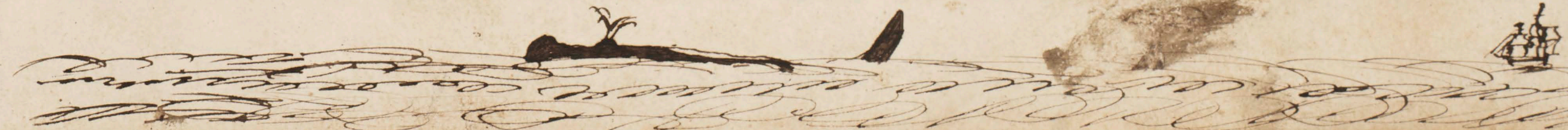
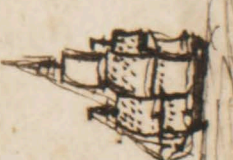
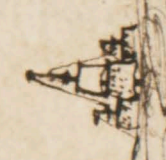
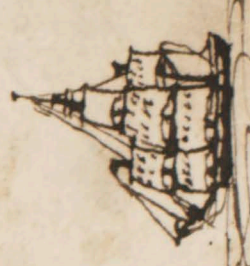
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December 16th 1844 The second mate got a small sperm whale



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July

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July 1st 1854 AM Monday this day begins with foggy weather
no whales PM no whales

July 2nd 1854 AM Tuesday foggy weather no whales
PM no whales

July 3rd 1854 AM Wednesday this Day begins with pleasant
weather yards square bound ^{to the} nothered whales breaching ahead
PM all the same clear weather 4 months out of
saisons 500 fresh hog for dinner to morrow

July 4th 1854 AM Thursday this Day begins with pleasant weather
wind fair course N this morning we saw a large ship and she
crossed our bow all sail out supposing to be bound home
PM fine weather wind fair course N no whales about 2 o'clock we
made the north cape of Seamer yesterday

July 5th 1854 AM Friday this Day begins with pleasant weather
wind WSW head NW by course PM pleasant weather wind WSW head NW

July 6th 1854 AM Saturday this Day begins with pleasant weather wind ^{SE by S} WSW
head ASW by course PM pleasant wind SE by S head SW by course

July 7th 1854 AM Sunday this Day begins with foggy weather wind ^{head SW by S} fair
PM foggy weather wind SE by S head SW by S by course about 1 o'clock we made the north

July 8th 1854 AM Monday this Day begins with pleasant weather wind
fair head S by course PM pleasant weather wind fair head SE by W by course this

July 9th 1854 AM Tuesday this Day begins with pleasant weather wind ^{SW by S} head SE by course
last night about 5 o'clock we lowered away for whales but did not get on to them PM pleasant

July 10th 1854 AM Wednesday pleasant weather wind SW by S head SE by course about 10
o'clock this forenoon we lowered away and got a large whale the captains boat got
fast first and towed him up and got him along side about 12 o'clock.

PM cutting in July 11th 1854 pleasant weather cutting in fine weather

July 12th Friday pleasant weather trying out July 13th Saturday pleasant weather staying out

July 14th Sunday pleasant weather staying down this forenoon we raised 3000 more whales
and lowered away and got the larbord & waist & bow boats stove and then cut from him

July 14th Sunday pleasant weather staying down about 5 o'clock this afternoon we
saw some more whales and lowered the old bow boat and starbord boat and the bow
boat got fast avon iron and it drewed and then come aboard

July 15th Tuesday drizzly weather about 2 o'clock we raised seals won on our lines and lay quiet
 this afternoon about 5 o'clock we spoke the rowener fallriver 700 bbls 10 months out
 July 15th Wednesday foggy weather no whales

Friday July 26th 1844 This forenoon we lowered away about 10 o'clock and the old man got fast
 and turned him up and got him along side about 1 o'clock and cut him in
 about 12 o'clock at night stowed us down 96 bbls

August 2th 1844 this forenoon about 10 o'clock we took a dead whale alongside and cut
 him in and tryed him out and he turned us up 80 bbls

August 5th 1844 this afternoon we lowered for whales and the mate got fast
 turned him up and got toed him along side. *Being a whale of Long*
Sid And Tryin Out the whale stowed us down 110 bbls

August 16th 1844 This morning about 5 o'clock we lowered away for whales and the mate
 got fast and turned him up and got him along side before breakfast

August 22nd trying out and this morning about 6 o'clock we lowered for a whale
 and the mate got fast and then the old man got fast and turned him
 up and got him along side about 12 o'clock both whales stowed
 us down about 206

August 29th 1844 About 12 o'clock we lowered for whales and the mate got
 fast the boat was fast 5 hours before they turned him up
 then they got him along side about 5 o'clock

August September 1st 1844 This afternoon about 3 o'clock we lowered for a whale
 and the mate got fast and then the second mate got fast and then
 the mate went up to him and lanced him and the whale roaled and stove
 him and then they turned him up and got him along side about 6 o'clock

March 14th 1845

THE LAST CRUISE

- March 14th This day we saw whales and lowered for them and the mate got fast but he run so much that we had to cut from him.
- March 15th This day we lowered for whales but they were going to fast.
- March 16th This day we saw whales but they were going to fast for the winders to lower.
- March 17th we spoke the bark Harmon of Danish.
- March 18th This morning we lowered for whales but they were going to the winders to fast to get up to us.
- March 19th This morning we lowered for whales but it was blowing so hard to do any thing.
- March 20th This forenoon we spoke the ship Try, Lord of New Bedford 20 months.
- April 1st This afternoon we spoke the ship Janney of Sag Harbour 2 months.
- April 18th To day we saw whales and lowered for them and the mate got fast and then second mate got fast and turned him up and got him along side 19 fathoms began to cut him in and he was a dry skinner and had to let him go and his head that is all.
- April 21st This morning we saw whales and lowered for them but the whale sea the boat 3 times to day we lowered for the same whale.
- April 22nd This day lowered for whales and the mate darted at him but could not reach him so they went.
- April 26th This day we lowered for a whale and the second mate pulled up to him and daniel darted to quick so he did not hit him.
- April 30th This day we saw whales but did not get any.
- May 1st This day we saw whales but did not get any.
- May 2nd This day lowered 2 for whales but did not get any.
- May 3rd This day for morning lowered for whales but did not get any. This afternoon about half past 5 we lowered for whales and the 2 mate got fast and the mate set him spouting and turned him up and got him along side 106.
- May 11th This day we lowered for whales and the second mate got fast and turned him up and got him along side small whale.
- May 13th To day lowered for whales 2 times with no success.
- May 14th To day lowered for whales 3 times with no success.
- May 18th To day we lowered for whales the mate got fast and the iron drewed and lost him.

May 20 This day lowered for whales the 2 mate got fast and turned him up got him along side) 21 began to cut him in got his head in and he was a dry skin

May 24 This afternoon we lowered for whales and the second mate got fast and the line parted

May 26 To day we spoke the ship Israel and Bedford

19 months out 16 00 May 28 To day lowered for whales 4 times with no success

June 2 1844 This day lowered for whales 5 times the fourth time the mate got fast and the fifth line parted and the fifth time the mate got fast and the knocked the head of the boat of and broke the boat stear leg and cut it half of the boat stearer held the whale with his iron and then they cut the line of and brought the men aboard and then the third mate went and got fast to him and turned him up and sank June the 5 we lowered for whales twice with no success

June the 7 This day we lowered for whales 2 the first time the 2 mate got fast and the line parted June the 8 This day

lowered for whales 3 times the last time the third mate got fast and turned him up and he sunk June the 10 This

day lowered for whales 2 the first time the second mate got fast and the

drawed second time about 1/2 past 12 the second mate got fast and

turned him up about 5 o'clock and got him along side about June 12 lowered for whales with no success June the 15 lowered

for whales and the third mate got fast and the iron drawed June 18 lowered for whales and the mate and second mate

both fastened together and turned him up and he sunk June 20 lowered for whales and the mate got fast and drove the

boat and the cut June 21 Spoke the ship Warren of Warren 22 months out 23 00 To day lowered 2 for whales with no success

June 29 lowered for whales the third mate pulled up to them and the boat stear missed To day gamed with the Albion Fair lowered June 30 To day lowered for whales 2 with no success

July the 1845
Leonidas Bear Ship

July 2 To day we spoke the waverly Fair Haven 1300 133 months

July 3 To day made Lavinia island July 5 To day we lowered for 2 whales the second mate got fast first and then the third went forward to him and fastened to the other iron and set them both springing blood blood and iron parted the line and got the other.

July 8 lowered for 4 whales and the second mate fastened on the second iron parted out the line to day spoke the ship Elixander Coffin New Bedford

July 9 To day we lowered for whales the second mate got fast and then the mate got fast the whale tipped over the second mates boat and the mate held on a little while and then cut

July 11 To day the third mate got fast and the iron drewed

To day we spoke the ship Phoenix New Bedford

July 13 To day we lowered for whales & the third mate got fast and then the mate got fast and then the mate give him a lance and killed him and turned him up and got him along side

July 14 spoke the bark Wide of New Bedford

July 15 spoke duck Bark July 17 spoke the bark Richmond Providence 2 men out 1000

To day spoke the bark George Chapman
July 19 spoke the ship Crescent 2 years 1500

July 26 to day we lowered for whales and the second mate got fast and the third mate got fast and drawed and then he got stove and come aboard and the mate killed the whale and then we toed him home

August 2 Spoke the bark Dry Mo & Iron from 25:00

August 6 John & Elisabeth Do 1 gained ship Amathist ship Isaac Walton New Bedford

August 9 gained with the Pacific New Bedford 12 men the gut 800

August 10 1845 This Day We Squared The Masts for Home Took in the bow Boat and Made Sail and Started

August 11 To Day we hoisted out the topmast stunsail & sent up the main reef yard

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SHIP LEONIDAS

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Bound home
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August 12 To day we lowered for whales but the fog came in thick

August 14 To day we lowered for whales twice the second time the third
mat fastened and the whale sounded and took most all the line and the
iron drained & lost him.) September 18 To Day we left Mice

September 22 To Day we left workhouse

October 9 To Day we raised a school of sperm ^{drained} whales
and the second mate got fast and the iron

Oct 10 To Day we raised a school of sperm whales
and the second mate got a small row 4 barrels

Oct 12 To Day we raised a school of sperm whales
lowered for them and the old man got a good sized
cow 20 barrels

Oct 24 To Day we made the island called gause paster

November 8 To Day we raised a school of sperm whales about 8 o'clock
This afternoon and lowered away for them and about 5 o'clock
set the second mate struck a 50 barrel whale and
and turned him up and got him along side about 8 o'clock

November 12 To Day we made the island called Carrow where
we are going to come to an anchor to get wood & we left

Nov 19 To Day we made the island called Towo four

December 6th To day we spoke the ship America of New London 240
toath of us bound home we are very near the cape horn

Dec 9 To Day we spoke the ship Neptune New London

To Day we halled on the wind and began to cruise again

Dec 13 To Day we spoke the rowena of fallriver 200

bound home Dec 17th To Day we started for home again

January 6th This afternoon about 3 o'clock we doubled cape horn

January 8th This Day we spoke the Bay tucke of Warren
& the Dextor of green port 4 months ago etc

Madam i must leave. ^{Why}
"Because, madam, i find your society has become so dear to me,
that i fear i must fly to save myself, as i ~~am~~ may not
dare to hope that the suit of a stranger might be crowned
With Success."

Benjamin L. West.

"If women's hearts men's earliest vows disdain,
All future efforts there will be in vain?"

Benjamin L. West

February 13 This afternoon about 2 o'clock we raised a
school of sperm whales and lowered away for them
and the mate got fast and then the second mate got
fast the milt turned his whale up and the second mate
whale wound him out sight of the ship And the
captain got fast and the whale struck the boat
Lavin and tore her all to pieces and the ship did
not see the boats and the boats crew was in the water about
4 hours and the men aboard the ship heard the boats
crew holler and sent a boat and picked them up
and got aboard about 9 o'clock at night / And the second mate
got aboard about 10 o'clock

Benjamin
West Father M

Maria

Maria

West

Mary

Farwell Mother - Taylor calls me
 Far away from home and the
 The Quion ~~has~~ no more enthralls me
 When a lofty ship i see.
 Farwell mother do not pain me
 By thine agonizing woe
 Those fond arms cannot detain me
 Dearest mother i must go.

Farwell father Oh how tender.
 The cords that bind me here
 Jesus helps me to surrender
 All I love without a tear
 No my Saviour meet thou terrors
 Leaning o'er the buried dead
 At this hour so sad and cheerless
 Shall not burning tears be shed,

Farwell sister do not press me
 To thy young and throbbing heart
 Oh no longer now distress me
 Sister Sister we must part
 Farwell pale and silent brother
 How i grieve to pain the so
 Father - Mother - Sister - Brother -
 Taylor. calls. - O let me go!



West Farwell

Farwell father B. L. L.

West Farwell

1st of July

Farwell mother Baylor calls me,

Far away from home and the

The anion has no more strength in when

When docting sheep I see



Troy Bristol 2.50	Trydent Newbedford 1100
Lamson Newport	Pacific Fair haven 1700
Braynt Newbedford	Galen Warren 1000
Rowena Fallriver 700	Illinois Sag harbour 3000
Mercurius Newbedford	Chilli Newbedford 1500
Swift Newbedford 1600	Massachusetts Nantucket full
Josephine Sag Harbour 1400	Zone Nantucket 700
Patriot Brueman	Hermann Dutchman 1400
W L Packet Newbedford 900	Trydent Newbedford 1400
Australis Sydney 700	Lian court Harve de grass 150
Arabian London 700	Nepton Copenhagen 2200
India Newbedford	Cience Newbedford 100
Galen Warren 350	Fanny Sag Harbour 2000
Massachusetts Nantucket 1300	Niancut Sag Harbour 1200
Edward Cary Nantucket	Warren Warren 2300
Levi Starbuck Nantucket	Chillon Fair haven 2000
Columbia New London	Cruiser Sag harbour
Emperor Liverpool	Dra Mo New bedford
Warren Warren 2000	Kron prinsessin Halland
William Hamilton Newbedford 2100	

Richard Allen Esq & Child R D Dec 8th 1844
Deeds. Warner & Co
Sir

I wish to get \$15,000 Insurance
on Ship Seannidas & Outfits on a whaling Voyage of 2 Years
to sail in February ^{next} say \$8,000 on Ship & \$7,000 on Outfits

The Seannidas was built at Somerset in 1823
Copper fastened Bottom, Masts & Deck, — at Rio in October
1839 her Bottom was calked. Sheathed & has sheets copper
put on — (salt bagging ~~under~~ the sheathing instead of
paper) at Savannah in February last had new
shear stroke nearly all round & new Batt stroke for
fore & main chases — Timbers in the top forward yard —
her upper & lower deck beams were examined and found
good except two — which were taken out and new put
in their place — Centre part of Deck new at the same
time at Savannah — The ceiling has not
been taken out until today — Have taken a streak out
today from the after part of the ~~stare~~ Hatch ^{within 2 or 3 feet of} to the Stern
post and have examined forward and find the Timbers
sound — Please inform me by return of mail if
you will insure her and at what rate per annum or
for the Voyage — We have left the ceiling out and
if you wish to send an agent to examine her should like
to have you do so at our expense — Have also taken a
piece of the sheathing off the bottom and find the calking good
(Declined by the board)

Yours Respectfully
Wm R Taylor

Ship Leonardo

Wm. R. Taylor

Dec. 9. 1840.

